

EDWARDS CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION



In the name of God and Jesus Christ, Edwards Church, a congregation of the United Church of Christ, welcomes all who seek to know and worship God. We invite everyone to join in our faith journey and participate in our congregational life.

As a community of faith we take seriously the Biblical call to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and recognize that although we are many members we are one. We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone. We rejoice in our diversity of views and understanding of our shared faith. We commit ourselves to work diligently to help end oppression and discrimination. We affirm all relationships founded on the principle of God's love and justice.

We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

Seeking to be the Body of Christ, we welcome into full fellowship and membership all persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or cognitive ability, and economic status.

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A thought for reflection

“Bread – like real love – took time, cultivation, strong loving hands and patience.
It lived, rising and growing to fruition only under the most perfect circumstances.”

— Melissa Hill, *Something From Tiffany's*

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(We invite you to turn to your neighbors and greet them.)

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“DE COLORES”

NCH 402

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come from the East! Come from the West! Come from the North! Come from the South!

People: **We come from places of joy and places of sorrow, from places of struggle
and places of peace.**

Leader: Come because you are hungry!

People: **We come to be fed at the table of life.**

Leader: Come because you are lonely!

People: **We come to share a meal with our brothers and sisters.**

Leader: Come, join together with Christians all over the world in this meal of blessing.

People: **We come to celebrate our diversity and to seek understanding.**

All: **May we be One in the Spirit. Amen**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray the Lord's Prayer using the words you find most meaningful.

You can find several printed versions of the Lord's Prayer on the prayer card in your pew rack.)

* **SENTENCES OF PRAISE** *(Please stand for the Sentences of Praise and Gloria.)*

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: **The earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good and lovely it is

People: **To live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and faith come together;

People: **Justice and peace join hands.**

Leader: God, open our lips,

People: **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

* *Stand as you are able.*

* **GLORIA** (Sing twice.)

NCH 756

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus prayed that we might be one—in Spirit, in mission, in communion with each other and with you.

Today, O God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity. On this World Communion

Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of people everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE (in unison)

NCH 286

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

DAWN SORENSEN

THE ANTHEM "ONE WORLD, ONE COMMUNION"

BY PEPPER CHOPLIN

THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

(Pew Bible p. 940)

BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING

BRINGING FORWARD CHALLAH

A STORY "The Pride Shabbat"

BRINGING FORWARD GUATEMALAN BANANA BREAD

A STORY "A Long Journey; A New Spiritual Home"

BRINGING FORWARD COMFORT BREADS

A STORY "Choosing Comfort over Comfortable"

CALL TO PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION

GOD CALLS FOR OUR GIFTS

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY "ODE TO JOY"

* DOXOLOGY (Lasst uns erfreuen)

NCH 17

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD CALLS US TO THE TABLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: Valkommen! Ayubowan! Yo koso! Benvenuto! Swaagam! Karibu! Welcome!

People: We are hungry!

Leader: Come and taste the bread of life! You are welcome!

People: We are thirsty!

Leader: Come and drink from the cup of blessing! You are welcome!

People: We are lonely!

Leader: Come and share a meal with friends! You are welcome!

People: We are broken!

Leader: Come and be healed by Christ's love! You are welcome!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP AT THE TABLE

During communion, please join in singing:

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

NCH 330

"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

NCH 337

"COME, GATHER IN THIS SPECIAL PLACE"

NCH 335

THE THANKSGIVING

(in unison)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

NCH 347

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *(Please feel free to remain and listen, or to greet one another in the narthex and at coffee hour.)*

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

MINISTERS

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH

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DAWN SORENSEN

DEACON-IN-CHARGE

SHELLY CICHOWLAS

COMMUNION SERVERS

DAWN SORENSEN & RUTH CARNEY

JANIS STEIGMAN OF MOTHER'S HELPERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE NURSERY THIS MORNING.

COMMUNION NOTE

You are invited to come to the communion table to partake of the Lord's Feast. Come forward row by row from the back to be served. Dip the bread in the **grape juice** in the chalice on your **left** or in the **wine** in the chalice on your **right**. Proceed back to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, we will come to you.

The **Communion Offering** is used for confidential emergency needs. If you or someone you know has a need, bring this to the attention of the minister or a member of the Diaconate. The offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Put your name on the envelope for tax credit purposes. Please consider this offering thoughtfully.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERING

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. These funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) and the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Please give generously as you are able.

MUSIC NOTE

Most recently heard on Pentecost, Pepper Choplin's lively music has provided a backdrop for many of my most cherished musical experiences in the past few years, most notably through two arrangements of Advent anthems we have sung with On the Fence, our Bluegrass band.

We are grateful to **Jennifer Baylor** for joining us. Jenny played the flute from elementary school through college...then didn't play at all for ten years. She started playing again in the last few years, with a community band in Rockport. Jenny finds joy in making music, and in being part of the Edwards Church community, and she is happy to have the opportunity to play with the choir today!

We are also grateful to young clarinetist **Ellie Leigh-Manuell** for her joyful offering this morning. Ellie is in eighth grade in the Lincoln Public Schools. She has been playing the clarinet since fifth grade and is a member of the Concert and Jazz bands. When she's not enjoying music she can be found reading, playing with her pets, or exploring nature with her friends.

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship, following the service. Sign our guestbook too! In the Education Building (out the side door follow hallway) are the restrooms and where coffee hour is held. The nursery and Sunday school classes are on the lower level. If you have questions, or suggestions, feel free to talk with the greeter or Deacon-in-Charge.

Accessibility



Large
Print

Available in the Narthex (front entrance hallway):

- Sound-enhancing assistive listening devices
- Large print edition of the church bulletin



- **Accessible parking** spots are marked and located near the Education Building entrance.
- **Accessible entrance** is located on the lower level of the Education Building (to the left of the Church main entrance).
- **Elevator** is located in the Education Building next to the stairs.
- **Accessible restroom** is located on the upper level of the Education Building.

This Week at Edwards Church

October 7-13, 2018

SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Study	Youth Room
	9:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
MONDAY	Columbus Day: OFFICE CLOSED		
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	11:00am	Mushrooming for Beginners	Edwards Hall
	6:15pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	Guided Meditation	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
TUESDAY	9:00am	Qi Gong / Tai Chi	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	10:00am	Gentle Yoga	Edwards Hall
	10:30am	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:30pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	5:30pm	Hatha Yoga	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Buddhist Meditation	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Move with Ease	Edwards Hall
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	4:45pm	Soup and Bible Study	Jonathan House
	6:00pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:00pm	Veterans Yoga	Edwards Hall
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	9:30am	Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Kripalu Yoga	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Cancer Support Group	Youth Room
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:00pm	Family Fun Night	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	9:00am	Chair/Mat Yoga	Edwards Hall
	4:30pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall

Important Announcements

Edwards Church Family Fun Night: *Friday October 12 from 6:00-7:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

Please join us for salads, pasta, and a special dessert. This is a time for folks to get to know one another and have dinner. Kids are expected, and kid-friendly food will be available. Everyone is welcome!

Walk, Bike, Carpool to Church Day: *Sunday, October 14*

The Green Team invites you to walk, bike, or carpool to church next Sunday. Grease up those bike gears, find a new or old friend to share a ride with, or put on your walking shoes. Who knows, maybe you'll enjoy your new path to church so much you will try it again! We will also dedicate our new bike rack!

One Cellist, One Planet...A Solo Benefit Recital: *Sunday, October 14 at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall*

One cellist, one planet... is one woman's response to climate change and environmental destruction. The program includes the music of J. S. Bach, Benjamin Britten, and Ravel. Suggested donation of \$25. Partial proceeds will be donated to the Jewish Climate Action Network and the gardens on our campus. Visit openspiritcenter.org to RSVP.

New Members Joining this Month

On Sunday, October 21, we will welcome new members during our worship service. If you have been considering joining, please speak with Debbie.

Seeds of Grace Worship: *Sunday, October 21 at 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

Join us for a relaxed, creative, participatory worship service, led by Rev. Isaac Everett and members of the Seeds of Grace Worship Team. It's a great opportunity to invite a friend, or to come to church if you have sports commitments in the morning. In October, we will use drama to delve into the fascinating story of Jonah and the whale. Please join us!

¡Olé Namaste! Expressive Movement for Every/Body: Sunday, October 28, at 2:30pm in Edwards Hall

Release Your Inner Dancer! ¡Olé Namaste! Infuses the movements, breathwork and meditation of yoga with the music and dance of flamenco. This workshop is fully accessible and no experience with dance or yoga is necessary. To register, contact info@openspiritcenter.org. Participants may wear hard bottomed shoes or sneakers for the dancing. Pre-registration encouraged. \$20 pre-registered or \$25 at the door.

Beyond the Ads and the Arguments: A Conversation about Question 1: *Sunday October 28 at 5:00pm*

Join us in Susan P. Dickerman Hall where we will hear from nurses with differing perspectives on Question 1. This is not a debate but a respectful discussion among people who care about patients and nurses. We will ask questions and learn from each other. Soup and dessert will be provided.

Greek Lunch Extravaganza! *Wednesday, October 31 at noon in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

We will continue our new tradition of periodic special lunches. This meal will feature food that Greek-Americans eat in their homes. Sign up today on the way to Coffee Hour! Suggested donation of \$7.

A Celebration of Music at Edwards Church: *Saturday, November 3 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary*

Please join us as we celebrate the restoration of our historic organ with a concert highlighting a joyous diversity of musical gifts. Of course, this concert will feature organist Cheryl Elkins, as she gives our beautiful instrument the star treatment. You will also hear special selections from the Edwards Church Choir, On the Fence (our own favorite bluegrass band), pianist Susan Minor, organist Cheryl Elkins, and the Ballad Project featuring Willie Sordillo and Doug Rich. We'd love to see everyone there, so please let us know if you need a ride or can offer a ride. The concert is free and open to the public; donations accepted.



Weekend of Spirit 2018: Inspiring Courage

Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 2018

Come see old friends and meet new ones as you connect, learn, relax and get inspired.

We will kick off with a potluck Shabbat dinner for people of all faiths and backgrounds dinner on Friday evening, followed by a full day of workshops, spa services and activities on Saturday.

A small sample of the workshops you can choose from are:

- Laugh Your Way Through Fear
- Music of Courage and Protest
- Meditation - Cultivating Inner Strength and Courage
- Be Brave: Make Art!
- Courage to Dance: Release Your Inner Dancer

Healing spa sessions include:

- Reiki
- Craniosacral Therapy
- Energy Healing
- Christian Science Treatments
- Biosynchronistics

Other activities include:

- Tai chi/Qi-Gong
- Sound Bowl Healing
- Courage Bracelet Making
- Rally Banner Making
- Painting Courage Rocks

For the full schedule of activities and to register, please visit openspiritcenter.org